commitment has been adhered to by the Russian side.

भारत का दौरा करने वाले अनिवासी भारतीयों को वीजा न दिया जाना

956. श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालिया: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने विदेशों में रह रहे ऐसे अनिवासी भारतीयों की, विशेषकर सिख समुदाय के लोगों की एक सूची बनायी है जिन्हें भारत में आने हेतु वीजा न दिए जाने का प्रावधान किया गया है जिससे ये लोग भारत में अपने सगे-सम्बन्धियों से मिलने भी नहीं आ सकते;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी सूची का देश-वार ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उपर्युक्त सूची बनाने के लिए क्या मानदण्ड अपनाया गया है और उसका औचित्य क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार अनिवासी भारतीयों को वीजा देने हेतु कोई प्रयास करेगी ताकि ऐसे लोग बिना किसी रोक-टोक के भारत आ सकें, और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Recovery of Amount of NBCC from Abroad

957. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) Ltd. had requested the Ministry of External Affairs to intervene in the recovery of the outstanding amount running into crores of rupees, on account of the projects undertaken by it abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Country-wise details are as follows:

Libya	Rs. 90.60 crore.
Iraq	Rs. 46.33 crore.
Yemen	US$ 135231 and
US$	33000
Nepal	Rs. 2.5 crore.
Maldives	Rs. 2 crore.

(c)The Government has taken up the matter with the concerned Government for the payment of the outstanding amount.

Missing Indian Crew on Dubai Ship

958. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Indian Crew on Dubai Ship Missing" published in the "Hindustan Times" dated 11th June, 1997:

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Crew on board M.V. Karamat, a cargo ship belonging to a Dubai based Shipping Company, are missing since 7th January, 97;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to trace them and to get them released, if held captive by any country;

(d) whether the relatives of the crew have approached Government to find out the whereabouts of the crew; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken and the efforts made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) A Cargo ship named MV Thanivan/Karamat reportedly flying a Belizean flag, and owned by an Iranian national, left Port of Ajman in the United Arab Emirateson 28.12.96 headed towards Iraq. The ship has five Indians amongst its crew. The whereabouts of the ship and its crew are not known till date.

(c) to (e) The matter was brought to the knowledge of Government on May 30, 1997 by one of the relatives of the missing crew members. Our Missions/ Post in Dubai, Baghdad and Kuwait have been alerted and asked to contact the concerned authorities. Consulate General of India, Dubai sent an official to the shipping company's office, which consisted of a small room and the person present there gave an unsatisfactory reply about the whereabouts of the ship. The mobile telephone number of the owner of the ship went continuously unanswered and the company official in Dubai is unable to provide any information about the ship. CGI, Dubai, in the absence of any evidence of ship wreck in the areas where the ship sailed, and information made available by local authorities, has premised that the ship might have been detained for violating the UN embargo against Iraq. Thereafter, our Mission in Bahrain has been asked to contact the Multinational Interception Force (MIF) based in Bahrain to trace the whereabouts of the ship and its Indian crew members. In addition, the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York and Embassy of India, Riyadh are enquiring into the matter. The efforts through our Missions/ Posts to locate the ship's crew is continuing.

Prime Minister's Discussions with the President of Peru

959. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the the Prime Minister had held discussions with the President of Peru, Mr. Alberto Fujimori at Delhi on 26th May, 1997; and

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussions centred around bilateral, political, economic and cultural relations. Discussions were also held on regional issues of common interest as also multilateral issues which included the menance of Terrorism, UN reforms, World Trade Organisation, G-15, Non-Aligned Movement, Environment, Disarmament, and Humand Rights.

Six official agreements were also signed during the visit. These pertain to Agriculture, Antarctica, cooperation between the Diplomatic Academy of Peru and Foreign Service Institute of India, Regular Foreign Office Consultations, Technical Cooperation and Tourism. Two business agreements were also signed during the visit. The first set up a joint Business Council (JBC) between FICCI and the Confederation of Peruvian Business and Industry (CONFIEP). The second was a protocol for cooperation between the Peruvian Chamber of Software (CPS) and the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) of India.

AIDS-Afflicted Children in the Country

960. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that children in the country are afflicted by AIDS;

(b) if so, the number of children between the age group of 1—12 years afflicted by AIDS;

(c) whether Government have contemplated steps to save the children from AIDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.